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WASHINGTON, APRIL 25 (AP)-RECENT HEADLINE-MAKING CASES INVOLVING THE SUPER-SECRET CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY REPORTEDLY WENT UNDER SCRUTINY TODAY OF A SPECIAL SENATE WATCHDOG COMMITTEE.

AT THE SAME TIME, SEN. EUGEN J. MCCARTHY, D-MINN., CRITICIZED CONGRESSIONAL SUPERVISION OF THE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

HE POINTED TO THE CASES WHERE CIA WAS ACCUSED OF PLANTING AGENTS IN A COLLEGE-ADMINISTERED FOREIGN AID PROJECT AND OF THE AGENCY'S INTERCESSION IN A SLANDER TRIAL ON BEHALF OF ONE OF ITS AGENTS.

REFERRING TO THESE INCIDENTS, MCCARTHY TOLD REPORTERS THE SENATE WATCHDOG GROUP, MADE UP OF SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED SERVICES AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES, "EITHER DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT THEM--AND (IT) SHOULD--OR IT HAS TOLERATED THEM."

MCCARTHY, WHO WANTS TO INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE WATCHDOG GROUP, SAID:

"IF CONGRESS DOESN'T MOVE TO EXCISE SOME SUPERVISION OVER THE CIA'S OPERATION BEYOND THAT WHICH IT IS DOING NOW IT WILL BE A REJECTION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY."

NO MEMBER OF THE WATCHDOG GROUP WOULD GIVE DETAILS ABOUT TODAY'S MEETING, NOR WOULD THEY SAY WHETHER ANY OFFICIAL OF THE CIA WAS ON HAND.

ONE DESCRIBED THE SESSION AS "ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION."

AS IT IS NOW, MCCARTHY SAID, THE WATCHDOG GROUP IS SET UP ON AN INFORMAL BASIS.

A NEW COMMITTEE, HE SAID, MIGHT INCLUDE THE PRESENT MEMBERS, PLUS OTHERS FROM THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WHO HAVE BEEN CHAFFING FOR YEARS OVER THEIR LACK OF SUPERVISION OF THE CIA ACTIVITIES.

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